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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF DRAWING
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SPECIFICATION

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In response to the Office Action mailed July 5, 2007, please enter the following
amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0045]:

-- FIG. 19 illustrates an exemplary vMAN scheme. --

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is in response to the Notice of Drawing Inconsistency with Specification mailed July 5, 2007. Claims 1-8 and 11-21 are allowed. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the amendment to the specification and issuance of the allowed application.

I. Inconsistency of Specification and Drawings

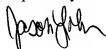
The Specification and Drawings are objected to for presenting a figure, in particular FIG. 19, which is not listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings. Applicants have amended the specification to include a Brief Description of FIG. 19. It is respectfully submitted that this description does not add new matter, as FIG. 19 is described in paragraph [0007] of the application as filed, and the newly added Brief Description complies therewith. It further is respectfully submitted that such description is supported by the specification as would have been apparent to one of ordinary skill in the art in light of the specification. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that the Specification and Drawings are consistent, and request that the application be allowed to issue as such.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

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